

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

IN RE)	
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ALEXANDER E. JONES)	CASE No. 22-33553
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DEBTOR.)	(CHAPTER 11)
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)	JUDGE CHRISTOPHER M. LOPEZ

**EIGHTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF CROWE & DUNLEVY, P.C. FOR
ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS
CO-COUNSEL TO THE DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD FROM
AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023**

Name of Applicant:	Crowe & Dunlevy, P.C.	
Applicant's Role in Case:	Co-Counsel to Debtor	
Date Order of Appointment Signed:	January 20, 2023 (Dkt #104)	
	Beginning of Period	End of Period
Time Period Covered in Statement:	08/01/2023	08/31/2023
Summary of Total Fees and Expenses Requested		
Total Fees Requested in this Statement:		\$240,270.00 ¹ (80% of \$300,337.50)
Total Reimbursable Expenses Requested in this Statement:		\$20,532.34 ²
Summary Attorney Fees for the Period Covered by this Statement		
Attorneys Fees in this Statement:		\$280,427.50
Total Actual Attorneys Hours Covered by this Statement:		631.8
Average Hourly Rate for Attorneys:		\$443.85
Summary Paraprofessional Fees for the Period Covered by this Statement		
Paraprofessional Fees Requested in this Statement:		\$19,910.00
Total Actual Paraprofessional Hours Covered by this Statement:		72.6
Average Hourly Rate for Paraprofessionals:		\$274.24

¹ Counsel is holding \$0.00 as a retainer in its IOLTA Account which is included in this fee/expense request.

² The date listed for expenses contained in the attached does not necessarily reflect the date on which the expense was actually incurred by Applicant.

In accordance with the *Order Granting Motion for Entry of an Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Chapter 11 Professionals* [Docket No. #106], each party receiving notice of the monthly fee statement will have 14 days after service of the monthly fee statement to object to the requested fees and expenses. Upon the expiration of such 14 day period, the Debtor is authorized to pay the Professional an amount of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the applicable monthly fee statement.

Pursuant to §§ 327, 330, 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Local Rules”), and the *Order Granting Motion for Entry of an Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals* (the “Interim Compensation Order”) [Docket No. 106], Crowe & Dunlevy, P.C. (“C&D”), as co-counsel to the Debtor, hereby files its *Eighth Monthly Fee Statement of Crowe & Dunlevy, P.C. for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered as Co-Counsel to the Debtor for the Period from August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023* (the “Monthly Fee Statement”).

RELIEF REQUESTED

1. By this Monthly Fee Statement, and pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, C&D seeks interim payment of \$240,270.00 (80% of 300,337.50) as compensation for professional services rendered to the Debtor during the period from August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 (the “Fee Period”); and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$20,532.34, for a total amount of \$260,802.34 to be paid upon expiration of the objection deadline barring any objections, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order.

2. In support of the Monthly Fee Statement, C&D submits a *Summary of Expenses for the Fee Period*, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, a *Summary of Legal Fees by Category as Counsel*

for the Fee Period, attached as **Exhibit B**, and a *Detailed Record of Fees as Co-Counsel for the Fee Period*, attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

3. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, any party objecting to the payment of the compensation and reimbursement of expenses requested herein shall serve on the undersigned counsel and the following Retained Professionals (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order), and each of the other Notice Parties a written objection (the “Objection”) so that it is received on or before the Objection Deadline:

- a. Co-Counsel to Debtor, Jordan & Ortiz, P.C., 500 North Shoreline Blvd., Suite 900, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 (Attn: Shelby Jordan, sjordan@jhwelaw.com)
- b. U.S. Trustee c/o Ha Minh Nguyen and Jayson Ruff, Office of the United States Trustee 515 Rusk St, Ste 3516 Houston, TX 77002, ha.nguyen@usdoj.gov, jayson.b.ruff@usdoj.gov
- c. Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036 (Attn: David M. Zensky, Marty L. Brimmage, Jr., Sara L. Brauner and Melanie A. Miller; dzensky@akingump.com, mbrimmage@akingump.com, sbrauner@akingump.com, melanie.miller@akingump.com
- d. Counsel to Connecticut Plaintiffs, (a) Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder PC, 350 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604 (Attn: Alinor Sterling, ASterling@koskoff.com) and (b) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019 (Attn: Kyle J. Kimpler and Martin Salvucci, kkimpler@paulweiss.com, msalvucci@paulweiss.com)
- e. Counsel to Texas Plaintiffs, (a) McDowell Hetherington LLP, 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002 (Attn: Avi Moshenberg, avi.moshenberg@mhllp.com) and (b) Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughttry, PC, 1200 Smith Street, Suite 1400, Houston, TX 77002 (Attn: Jarrod B. Martin, Jarrod.Martin@chamberlainlaw.com)
- f. Any other parties that the Court may designate.

In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, C&D submits that no further or other notice is required.

4. Although every effort has been made to include all fees and expenses incurred in the Fee Period, some fees and expenses might not be included in this Monthly Fee Statement due to delays caused by accounting and processing during the Fee Period. C&D reserves the right to make further application to this Court for allowance of such fees and expenses not included herein. Subsequent Monthly Fee Statements will be filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Interim Compensation Order.

5. Therefore, C&D respectfully submits support for its fees in the amount of \$300,337.50 for reasonable, actual and necessary services rendered by it on behalf of the Debtor during the Fee Period and \$20,532.34 for reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Fee Period. C&D further submits that, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, and pending the expiration of the objection deadline, if no objections to the Fee Statement are received, that the Debtor shall be authorized to immediately pay to C&D the amount of \$260,802.34 which is equal to the sum of 80% of C&D's fees and 100% of C&D's expenses incurred during the Fee Period.

Houston, TX

Dated: September 29, 2023

CROWE & DUNLEVY, P.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 29, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the parties listed on the attached service list via the Court's ECF system and pursuant to Local Rule 9003-1, via e mail or U.S. mail as follows:

- a. Co-Counsel to Debtor, Jordan & Ortiz, P.C., 500 North Shoreline Blvd., Suite 900, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 (Attn: Shelby Jordan, sjordan@jhwclaw.com)
- b. U.S. Trustee c/o Ha Minh Nguyen and Jayson Ruff, Office of the United States Trustee 515 Rusk St, Ste 3516 Houston, TX 77002, ha.nguyen@usdoj.gov, jayson.b.ruff@usdoj.gov
- c. Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036 (Attn: David M. Zensky, Marty L. Brimmage, Jr., Sara L. Brauner and Melanie A. Miller; dzensky@akingump.com, mbrimmage@akingump.com, sbrauner@akingump.com, melanie.miller@akingump.com
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/s/ Christina W. Stephenson

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EXHIBIT “A”

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR THE FEE PERIOD

EXPENSE	TOTAL
Lodging/Travel/Meals	3,892.06
Litigation support vendors	16,640.28

EXHIBIT “B”**SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES BY CATEGORY
FOR THE FEE PERIOD**

<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>ATTORNEY TIME</u>	<u>PARALEGAL TIME</u>
B110 Case Administration	21.9	0.5
B120 Asset Analysis and Recovery	8.5	0.0
B130 Asset Disposition	1.8	0.0
B140 Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection	2.0	0.0
B150 Meetings of & Communications with Creditors	0.0	0.0
B160 Fee/Employment Applications	21.2	16.0
B170 Fee/Employment Objections	1.4	0.0
B180 Avoidance Action Analysis	0.0	0.0
B185 Assumption/Rejection of Executory Contracts	0.3	1.1
B190 Other Contested Matters	476.1	55.0
B195 Non-Working Travel	31.0	0.0
B210 Business Operations	39.4	0.0
B220 Employee Benefits/Pensions	0.0	0.0
B230 Financing/Cash Collections	0.0	0.0
B240 Tax Issues	10.1	0.0
B250 Real Estate	0.0	0.0
B260 Board of Directors Matters	0.0	0.0
B310 Claims Administration and Objections	0.0	0.0
B320 Plan and Disclosure Statement	18.1	0.0
B410 General Bankruptcy Advice/Opinions	0.0	0.0
B420 Restructurings	0.0	0.0
TOTALS:	631.8	72.6

EXHIBIT “C”

DETAILED RECORD OF FEES FOR THE FEE PERIOD